

# CSWC Operational Period Summary

## 1800 March 22 2016 to 0600 March 23 2016



Warning signs, like this one on 17-Mile Drive at Pebble Beach, have become routine up and down the west coast. They remind us to keep our eyes on more than just the view. California Tsunami Preparedness Week: 03/20 - 03/26.

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# SITUATION SUMMARY

## National News – Significant Events

### **VA suspends top official in relocation scam**

(Washington Post) The Department of Veterans Affairs is suspending the head of the Veterans Benefits Administration for allowing two lower-ranking officials to manipulate the agency's hiring system for their own gain. Deputy VA Secretary Sloan Gibson says acting VBA chief Danny Pummill will be suspended without pay for 15 days for his role in a relocation scam that has roiled the agency for months. Pummill failed to exercise proper oversight as Kimberly Graves and Diana Rubens forced lower-ranking managers to accept job transfers and then stepped into the vacant positions themselves, keeping their senior-level pay while reducing their responsibilities, Gibson said Tuesday. Pummill is one of VA's five highest-ranking officials and leads VBA's employees across 56 regional offices nationwide that provide compensation and pension benefits, life insurance, home loans and other services to millions of veterans. Under VA rules, Pummill can appeal his suspension to an independent arbiter. Pummill was the VBA's deputy chief when Rubens and Graves implemented the job relocations, which put both of them closer to their families. Pummill replaced former VBA chief Allison Hickey, who retired as allegations against Rubens and Graves were made public. Rubens earns \$181,497 as director of the VBA's Philadelphia regional office, while Graves receives \$173,949 as head of the St. Paul, Minnesota, benefits office. Graves and Rubens were reprimanded Tuesday and had their pay cut by 10 percent. The two women were reinstated to their positions last month after administrative judges overturned their demotions. The judges based their rulings, in part, on the fact that more senior officials such as Pummill had not been disciplined in the case. In a related action, the VA said it has reprimanded Beth McCoy, director of field operations for the VBA. Gibson said McCoy did not exercise proper judgment in taking over for Rubens as heads of field operations. Gibson said the disciplinary actions were in the best interests of veterans and taxpayers. "Ultimately, that is what these decisions are about: getting back to the work of serving America's veterans," he said.

## International News – Significant Events

### **Brussels attacks: 'Two brothers' behind Belgium bombings**

(BBC) Two of the men who carried out attacks in Brussels on Tuesday have been named by Belgian media as the brothers Khalid and Brahim el-Bakraoui. The RTBF broadcaster said the pair were known to police. It is believed at least one was among three suspects seen in a CCTV image at Zaventem airport. Twin explosions at the airport and another at a metro station on Tuesday left about 34 dead and 250 wounded. Belgium is observing three days of national mourning. So-called Islamic State (IS) has said it was behind the attacks and warned that more would follow. A minute's silence for the victims will be held at midday (11:00 GMT). RTBF said the brothers were known to police and had criminal records. The broadcaster said that Khalid el-Bakraoui, 27, had used a false name to rent the flat in the Forest area of the Belgian capital where police killed a gunman in a shootout last week. It was during that raid that police found a fingerprint of Salah Abdeslam, the main suspect in the Paris terror attacks of 13 November. He was arrested in a raid in Brussels last Friday and is due to appear before a pre-trial court on Wednesday. Belgian newspaper La Dernière Heure said Khalid el-Bakraoui was being sought for terrorist activities. Brahim, 30, had been sentenced in October 2010 for firing at police. It is not known if both of the brothers are in the CCTV image handed out by police of the three men at the airport. Some Belgian media say that one of the brothers may have carried out the metro attack. La Dernière Heure also said that the man wearing the hat in the airport CCTV image is Najim Laachraoui. Laachraoui was named earlier in the week by police as a wanted accomplice of Abdeslam. Federal prosecutors have not commented on the latest reports but said they would provide more information on Wednesday. The three men were seen pushing trolleys carrying suspected bombs at Zaventem airport just before the blasts at a check-in hall. Two were believed to have died in the attack, while the man in the hat is still being sought. The airport explosions happened in quick succession shortly after 08:00 local time (07:00 GMT), killing about 14 people. A third bomb was found and destroyed in a controlled detonation. About an hour later another explosion ripped through a train at the Maelbeek metro station in the Belgian capital, killing about 20 people. The first of the victims to be named is Peruvian Adelma Tapia Ruiz, 37. She had been at Zaventem airport with her Belgian husband and twin four-year-old daughters, who were unharmed, her brother told Peruvian radio. "The country has raised its terrorism alert to the highest level."



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## **Suspicious Package, City of Indio, Riverside County, Martha's Village and Kitchen**

The California State Warning Center (CSWC) was made aware at 2200 hours of a building evacuation at Martha's Village and Kitchen due to a suspicious package arriving inside a homeless shelter.

- A resident claims that it arrived via mail at approximately 1600 hours Tuesday. The exact location of the building evacuated is 83791 Date Ave in Indio, CA 92201, Riverside County.
- Population of a homeless shelter evacuated to a nearby bus was approximately 40 individuals.

The Cal OES Fire Duty Officer (FDO) reported at 2333 hours:

- Per CALFIRE Chief Oakley, RRU. The Bomb Squad has not arrived on scene as of yet. The suspicious package was viewed and pictures forwarded to the Bomb Squad. The Bomb Squad felt that this merited taking precautions including evacuation of Martha's Village a homeless shelter in a semi industrial part of Indio. There is a local bus provider that has a bus for the evacuees. They are being sheltered there. Local businesses are all closed for the night so no effect there. There is 1 engine and the Chief standing by awaiting the arrival of the bomb squad. Indio PD on scene.

Per Cpl. Bottoms with the Indio police Department at 0430 hours:

- Security pulled a fire alarm to evacuate the building. The device was non-explosive. The building has been repopulated. Road closure cleared.
- All clear was given at approximately 0330 hours.

## **Terrorist Attack, Brussels Belgium 03/22/1**

Multiple bombings have occurred in Brussels, Belgium in what appears to be a coordinated attack.

- Belgian media reports thirty four (34) have been killed and 250+ have been injured.
- The Belgian Terrorism Threat Level is Level 4 (highest level)
- All flights to Zaventem have been diverted to other airports and Zaventem remains closed to all air traffic.
- The France/Belgium border has been closed.
- One Thousand (1,000) Belgian troops are being sent to Brussels to augment security.
- DOS reports two U.S. citizens are confirmed injured and one U.S. Chief of Mission personnel is unaccounted for.
- DOS reports the U.S. Embassy remains on lockdown and additional Belgian Military are posted at the Embassy.
- The U.S. has cancelled all flights to Belgium, per press reports.
- The Belgian And French Presidents have both called emergency cabinets sessions.
- Per the Cal OES Southern Duty Officer (SDO), the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department EOC and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) DOC are activated at a level 1 due to the Brussel Incident.
- State Department (DOS) reports one U.S. citizen fatality and at least six injured.
- DOS reports at least 15 hospitals are treating the injured.
- Eurostar will resume limited train services to and from Brussels for passengers who have tickets and must travel.
- Brussels authorities plan to reopen 14 of the city's 68 metro stations on 23 March.

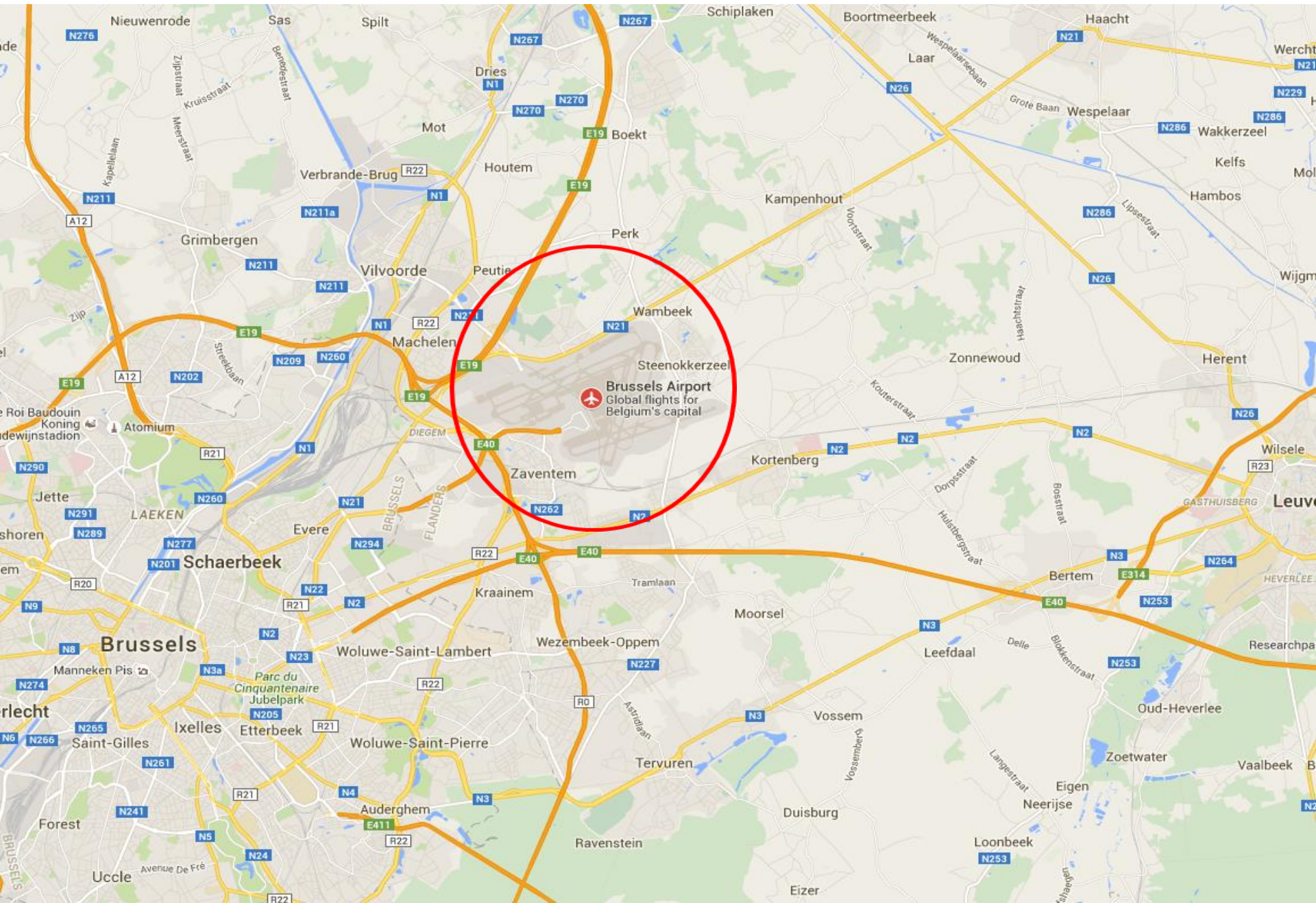


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## **Officials to test tsunami warning system in California on March 23 during Tsunami Preparedness Week**

- Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued a proclamation declaring March 20 through 26, 2016, as Tsunami Preparedness Week in the State of California.
- [Please click here to view the entire Proclamation](#)
- In California, the National Weather Service and Cal OES will conduct a test of the Tsunami Warning System in Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties between 1100 hours and noon on 03/23/16, using “live” tsunami codes to transmit the test message via NOAA All-Hazards Radio, the Emergency Alert System (EAS), as well as local radio and television stations serving the area.
- Some communities may also hear the sounds of tsunami warning sirens and observe local first responders practicing their tsunami response activities.
- In coastal counties south of Mendocino, the NWS and Cal OES will test the Tsunami Warning System at approximately 1015 hours by transmitting an EAS “Required Monthly Test” message via NOAA All Hazards Radio, and some television and radio stations.
- Also on 03/23/16, Cal OES, the California Geological Survey (CGS) and the NWS will conduct a conference call with emergency managers from counties along the coast to test several aspects of the tsunami response, including the ability of the National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) to send and coast emergency organizations to receive specific tsunami alert messages.
- During the conference call, representatives from the NTWC, Cal OES and CGS will also test their ability to accurately calculate and verify information contained in draft Tsunami Evacuation Playbooks that will be used by local emergency to determine if an evacuation is necessary and for how big of an area.
- The test also allows emergency managers from coastal communities to confirm their ability to receive playbook-related information, test their ability to make decisions regarding evacuation, as well as to test their abilities to communicate information to port and harbor officials and to test their reverse notification and other warning systems reaching people in coastal hazard areas.

# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Hwy 3 Roadway Damage, Trinity County**

- On 3/15/2016 Trinity County Proclaimed a local emergency and activated their EOC to Level 1 due to a washout of 1000' of Highway 3.
- A detour is available between Weaverville and Trinity Center using East Side/Trinity Mountain Road; but trucks and RVs are not allowed due to tight curves. Large vehicles will need to access Trinity Center via Highway 3 from the North.
- Highway 3 over Scotts Pass is open, residents can leave the Coffee Creek and Trinity Center areas via Highway 3 to Yreka for supplies. Currently, the only route to take Coffee Creek and Trinity Center residents in 2 wheel drives to Weaverville is a 140 mile detour north on Highway 3 to Yreka, south on I-5 into Redding, and west on Highway 299.
- Highway 3 is expected to remain closed at the slide until Memorial Day weekend.
- Scotts Mountain Pass and East Side Trinity Mountain Road will be plowed starting tomorrow and throughout the storm.
- There are no requests for assistance at this time as all needs are being met. Caltrans, Trinity, Shasta Counties and contractors are working to alleviate transportation issues.
- Inland Region will continue monitoring for additional impacts from the incoming storm.

## **Health and Medical**

- Basic Life Support EMS is available from the local Fire Department.
- A four wheel drive ambulance, which could meet an ALS ambulance if need be, is at the Slate Creek detour.
- Air Ambulances are available in good weather.

## **National Weather Service in Eureka is currently providing spot weather forecasts**

- Weather is expected to be mild through the end of the week.
- A few sprinkles will be possible late tonight and tomorrow morning, accumulations will be minimal if any.
- Snow levels will likely remain above Scott Mountain Summit.
- Beginning late Saturday a storm system will bring several chances for showers to the area through the first half of next week.
  - With lowering snow levels, accumulations are expected to be light with any showers that do develop and conditions are likely to be cool and dry for the majority of the time.

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## **Weather of Concern**

### **Northern California**

- Portions of Mendocino County will see low temperatures, 33 to 36 degrees until 0900 hours.

### **Southern California**

- For the Central Coast surf of 10 to 14 feet is expected through noon today.
- For the Los Angeles coast Surf of 5 to 8 feet, with slightly lower surf further south through noon today.
- Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties will see north to northeast winds increasing to 25 to 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph later this morning and continuing through noon today.

### **Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:**

[http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php)

### **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought.

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:**

#### **Medford Weather:**

High pressure will keep dry weather across Northern California today. However this will be short lived as the next front will approach the coast tonight. By late tonight a few hundredths of an inch of rain could spread into the rogue valley and the cascades. Showers will continue into Thursday morning as far east as the Klamath basin.

#### **Eureka Weather:**

An overall warming and drying trend is expected through the end of the week, with chances for light rain north of Cape Mendocino overnight tonight and over the weekend. Temperatures will likely cool off again late in the weekend and early next week.

#### **Reno Weather:**

After drier and warmer conditions through the week, winds will increase Friday with a slight cool down for the start of the weekend. Another colder, spring system is looking more probable for early next week possibly bringing additional snow to the region.

#### **San Francisco Weather:**

High pressure will maintain dry weather across the region through the remainder of the work week and through the upcoming weekend. In addition, temperatures will warm today and then remain slightly warmer than normal from Thursday through Saturday before cooling begins on Sunday. A few rain showers are possible early next week as an upper low drops over the state.

#### **Sacramento Weather:**

Dry weather with daytime temperatures a few degrees above normal through the remainder of the week. Breezy north winds Friday. The next chance of precipitation will be early next week.





# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:**

#### **Hanford Weather:**

High pressure will build over central California into the weekend resulting in dry weather and a warming trend. Unsettled weather returns early next week with the possibility of showers and a cooling trend.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

#### **Los Angeles Weather:**

A tight surface pressure difference across the area will bring gusty offshore winds to the area today. Otherwise, high pressure building aloft over the region will bring a general warming trend into the weekend. A trough of low pressure over the Bering sea this morning could bring cooler, cloudier, and showery weather early next week.

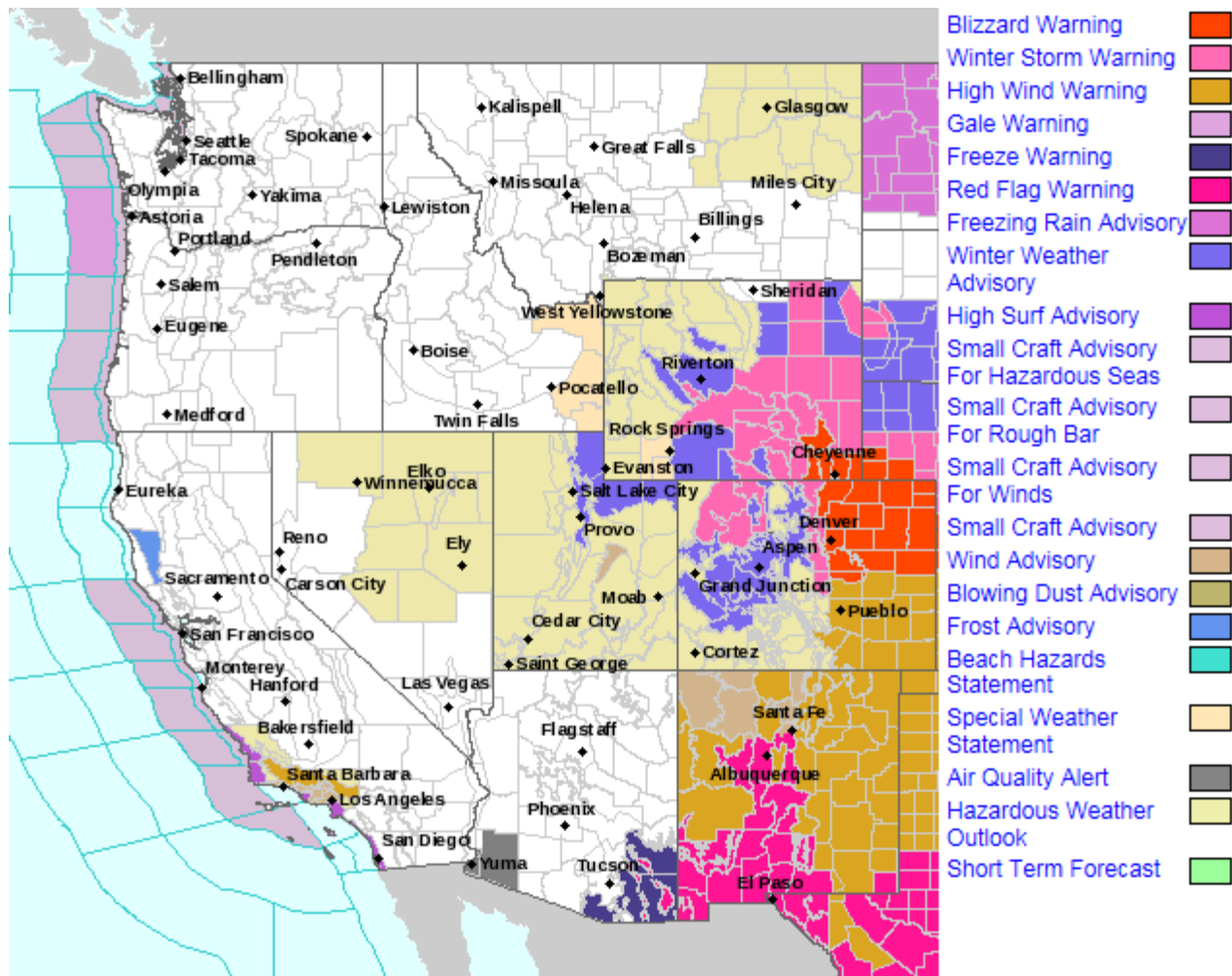
#### **Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:**

Locally gusty northeast winds will continue this morning particularly in and below foothills. Fair and warmer weather is expected through the weekend under high pressure aloft. A low pressure system will develop over the west next week. This will bring cooler weather Monday and a chance of showers by Tuesday.

#### **Southeast California Weather:**

High pressure builds back into the region resulting in cool but calm weather today with a warming trend through the remainder of the week. A return to windy and cool weather arrives this weekend with unsettled conditions persisting next week.

# STATE WEATHER MAP



# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

# **CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT**

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC and will be held once per month.



# **CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT**

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

### **Local Emergency Proclamations:**

**A total of 61 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:**

- 27 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).

# CAL OES MISSIONS

## Ongoing OES Mission:

- **2016-LAW-22034, 3/22/16, 0715 hrs.**, AFRCC reported a PLB activation at coordinates 39 56.4 N, 122 46.1 W, which plots to Raglan Rich Rd., Red Bluff. The emergency contact, who is the R/O's brother, advised the area is inaccessible due to snow, and that the R/O has suicidal tendencies. AFRCC attempted contact with the R/O without success. Updated coordinates relayed to both Tehama SO Dispatch and their SAR Coordinator. AFRCC offered cell phone forensics assistance, if requested. **Mission Ongoing.**



**Mission:**

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

*We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.*